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In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
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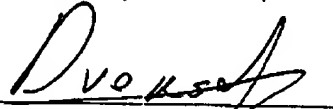
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Therefore, the charge of \$110.00 is improper. For the above reason, Applicant hereby respectfully requests a refund of \$110.00.

For the convenience of the Office, copies of the August 20, 2004 OIPE date-stamped filing receipt and Applicant's Monthly Statement showing the \$110.00 charge are attached.

A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005 and Supplemental to the  
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on June 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (previously presented): A digital camera for recording image data onto a recording medium by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:  
  
an image data management file for storing a plurality of recording information having a processing sequence, an image type and a recording location of the recorded image data, the image data management file being stored in the recording medium separately from the image data; and  
  
means for updating the image data management file,  
  
wherein the processing sequence of the recorded image data is updated by changing record location information of the recorded image data to record location information of another recorded image data.
2. (original): The digital camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:  
  
display means for displaying the recorded image data,  
  
wherein an order of which the image data are displayed on the display means is changed in compliance with the change of the processing sequence.
3. (original): The digital camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

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output means for outputting the recorded image data to an external device,  
wherein an order of which the image data are outputted to the external device is changed  
in compliance with the change of the processing sequence.

4. (previously presented): A method of changing processing sequence of image data  
recorded in a recording medium of a digital camera by converting an image pick up light  
photoelectrically, the digital camera with an image data management file for storing a plurality  
of recording information having a processing sequence and a recording location information of  
the recorded image data, the image data management file stored into the recording medium  
separately from the image data, the method comprising:

deciding processing sequence of predetermined image data; and  
updating the processing sequence of the recorded image data by changing recording  
location information of the recorded image data to record location information of another  
recorded image data.

5. (previously presented): A digital camera for recording image data onto a recording  
medium by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:

an image data management file having a plurality of management records for recorded  
image data; and

means for updating said image data management file,



wherein each of said management records has at least record location information, image data type and an image number, a plurality of which form a processing sequence of said recorded image data; and

wherein the processing sequence of the recorded image data is updated by changing the record location information of the recorded image data to another record location information of another recorded image data.

6. (previously presented): The digital camera as set forth in claim 5, further comprising:  
display means for displaying the recorded image data,  
wherein an order of which the image data are displayed on the display means is changed in compliance with the change of the processing sequence.

7. (previously presented): The digital camera as set forth in claim 5, further comprising:  
output means for outputting the recorded image data to an external device,  
wherein an order of which the image data are outputted to the external device is changed in compliance with the change of the processing sequence.

8. (previously presented): The digital camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein said management file is updated by changing at least one said record location for at least one said image number of said management records, thereby changing said processing sequence.

9. (previously presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein said image data comprises at least two file format types.
10. (previously presented): The method according to claim 9, wherein a record for an image data in one format is correlated to a record of a respective image data in another format.
11. (currently amended): The ~~method~~ digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the record location information is a pointer to a storage location of a respective image data.
12. (currently amended): The ~~method~~ digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising means for receiving a user request for a change of the processing sequence, where said request comprises selecting an image from the image data and a position for the image in the processing sequence; and wherein the updating means updates the image data management file based on the user request.
13. (new): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the image type is a format of the image and wherein the record location information is a parameter identifying at least one of a start position and an end position of a storage location that stores a respective image data.
14. (new): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the image data management file is provided separately from the image data, and wherein the processing sequence is logically

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changed by changing the record location information while physical location of the image data remains unchanged.

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Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 11 and 12 to fix a minor informality and adds claims 13 and 14. Claims 13 and 14 are clearly supported throughout the specification *e.g.*, pages 11-14 of the specification. Claims 13 and 14 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

In addition, please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on May 21, 2005:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous in person Interview. An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was given to the Applicant's representative on June 21, 2005. The Statement of Substance of the Interview is as follows. During the interview independent claim 1 was discussed in view of Kuba. The Examiner further clarified his position with respect to claim 1, and with respect to claim 11, the Examiner indicated that further search is needed. Accordingly, the Examiner indicated that further search and consideration of the claims of the present application will be performed.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

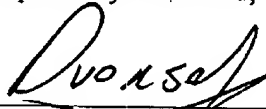
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